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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Not paricularly in Malabar district, Sir. We cannot run gruel centres all the year round."

Construction of a bridge across the Karimpuzha river.

*337 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the estimate for the bridge across the Karimpuzha river on the Tottenham road (Ariyur-Ottapalem road) in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal for constructing the bridge at present?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(*a*) Rs. 2·5 lakhs.

"(*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—"വളരെക്കാലമായി ജനങ്ങൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി അടുത്ത ബഡ്ജററിലെങ്കിലും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളിക്കാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"Sir, I cannot say now whether we will be able to consider it in the next Budget. That work has a low priority."

Reversion of Deputy Tahsildars in Tiruchirappalli district.

*338 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some officials who were acting as Deputy Tahsildars in Tiruchirappalli district under rule 9 (*a*) (i) were reverted on the ground that they were overaged;

(*b*) whether any persons were reverted in other districts on the same ground; and

(*c*) how many Harijan Deputy Tahsildars were reverted on this ground and what is the total number of Deputy Tahsildars in each district in Harijan community at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) One.

One in Madurai, two in Tirunelveli and one in South Kanara. The Deputy Tahsildar in South Kanara is under orders of reversion for want of vacancy."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—"திருச்சி ஜில்லாவில் வேலை செய்யும் ஹரிஜன டெபுடி தாசில்தார்கள், அவர்களுடைய கிரேடிலிருந்து கீழே இறக்கப்பட்டது உண்டா? அப்படி அவர்கள் கீழே இறக்கப்பட்டிருந்தால், அவர்களை மேல் கிரேடுக்கு உயர்த்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Yes, Sir, some concession is shown in the case of Harijans and backward classes and in the matter of promotion also we take into consideration all these factors."

Retrenchment of fieldmen in Agriculture Department.

* 339 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to effect retrenchment in the number of fieldmen in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The Government are considering the question of re-organizing the set up of the Field staff in the Agricultural department."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" Will the Government give a guarantee that the existing fieldmen would not be sent home? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Sir, there are permanent fieldmen and there may be temporary hands also. So the Government cannot give any guarantee regarding their future. We are examining the whole question so as to have more field workers in order to give effective aid to the ryots."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Sir, what are the educational and technical qualifications necessary for a fieldman and in view of the retrenchment that is pending before the Government, are we to understand that the existing fieldmen do not possess the requisite qualification? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Sir, I have already answered in reply to another question that S.S.L.C. candidates are recruited as fieldmen and they are given a course of training and then they are appointed as fieldmen. But we are now considering the whole proposal in order to have more maistries who would do the work without adding to the financial commitments."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM:—" இந்த 'Fieldman' உத்தியோகத்தில் இருப்பவர்கள், வேறு உத்தியோகத்திற்கு தகுதியுள்ளவார்களாக இருந்தால், க்ளார்க்குகளாகவும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I can consider the suggestion, Sir."

Number of South Indians sent back from Malaya and Ceylon.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have any details as to how many people of this State were sent back from Ceylon and Singapore from January to July 1953; and

(*b*) of those, how many were Tamils, Malayalees and Canarese?